

Mr. CARTER. I agree completely with what my friend Judge GOHMERT had to say. You have given a very good history of what has been the history of the Democrat Party when they were in the majority or where they were in control of the White House. They have a history of cutting and providing less than the necessary supplies for our military.

In fact, one of the great brags that Al Gore used to say is that he reduced the number of employees in the Federal Government by this huge amount. But if you looked at where they came from, they were United States soldiers. Members of the military made up the vast majority of the numbers of reducing the size of government that were taken credit for during the Clinton administration. They cut our Army down from multidivisions, down to where it is now.

But you know what? That is all water under the bridge. You had mentioned something that is very important to me: We took an oath.

We took an oath, and our colleague from Texas (Mr. NEUGEBAUER) got asked a question by one of his folks back home: Why do you feel so that you are doing the right thing by providing for these guys that are fighting over in Iraq?

He said, You know, it is easy to criticize. But when you become responsible, then you have really got to look at it. And he said, I am by my oath responsible to the American public to provide for the common defense.

It as a perfect answer. That is exactly what we all did, Republican and Democrat, is we took an oath to be responsible to the American people to provide protection for those people. And some of these are hard calls and hard votes. These are not for me. These are not for me nor for anyone in this room. But it is a hard vote for some. So it is just sad. And sometimes we have just got to remember why we are here.

I would like to mention one more thing because I know our time is getting late. But we talked about this \$392.5 billion tax increase that is coming down the road. Let me point out to folks that are paying gas prices. If you don't like \$3 a gallon gasoline, which, by the way, there was supposed to be an instant solution for that problem when the new majority came into power, but we haven't seen it. In fact, it has only been made worse, in my opinion.

But take that, and I looked at that long list of what it means to everybody's district for this tax increase, and everybody gets—at least \$2,000 it is going to cost the average family. At least \$2,000. So take that money that you are putting aside to pay for that gas and subtract \$2,000 a year from it. So the price of gas is going up. If nothing else, the price of gas is going up for the average American family by this tax increase, and it is something that will hurt our economy and turn us in the wrong direction.

I just wanted to mention that before we have to quit.

Mr. GOHMERT. And I appreciate the gentleman yielding back. It is a good note to finish on because people are paying too much for gasoline. And I go back to something I said in, January a few months ago, after the Democratic majority rammed another bill through that was going to cut the incentives for drilling, for refineries, some of the things that we have done in the last couple of years that we were here.

And I came to the well and I said then, and I will finish with this: If you are going to do things that make gasoline go up, at least have pride enough when the price goes up to come to the floor and say, "You bet you we are the Democratic majority, and we drove up the price of gas and we are proud of it."

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. GOHMERT) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, May 21, 22, and 23.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah, for 5 minutes, May 23.

Mr. CONAWAY, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 42 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, May 17, 2007, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1795. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting certification that the export to the People's Republic of China of the specified items is not detrimental to the United States space launch industry, and that the material and equipment, including any indirect technical benefit that could be derived from such exports, will not measurably improve the missile or space launch capabilities of the People's Republic of China, pursuant to Public Law 105-261, section 1512; (H. Doc. No. 110-34); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

1796. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Modification of Class E Airspace; Alliance, NE. [Docket No. FAA-2006-25945; Airspace Docket No. 06-ACE-15] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received May 4, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1797. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Change of

Controlling Agency for Restricted Area R-6601; Fort A.P. Hill, VA. [Docket No. FAA-2007-27294; Airspace Docket No. 06-AS0-17] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received May 4, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1798. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revocation of High Altitude Reporting Point; AK [Docket No. FAA-2007-27438; Airspace Docket No. 07-AAL-2] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received May 4, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1799. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Covington, GA. [Docket No. FAA-2006-26086; Airspace Docket No. 06-ASO-14] received May 4, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1800. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revision of Class E Airspace; Mekoryuk, AK [Docket No. FAA-2006-26314; Airspace Docket No. 06-AAL-37] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received May 4, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1801. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revision of Class E Airspace; Northway, AK [Docket No. FAA-2006-26316; Airspace Docket No. 06-AAL-39] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received May 4, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1802. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revision of Class E Airspace; Gulkana, AK [Docket No. FAA-2006-26315; Airspace Docket No. 06-AAL-38] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received May 4, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1803. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revision of Class E Airspace; Saratoga, WY [Docket No. FAA 2006-24233; Airspace Docket No. 06-ANM-1] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received May 4, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1804. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revocation of Class E Airspace; Adak, Atka, Cold Bay, King Cove, Nelson Lagoon, Saint George Island, Sand Point, Shemya, St. Paul Island, and Unalaska, AK [Docket No. FAA-2006-26164; Airspace Docket No. 06-AAL-34] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received May 4, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1805. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of Class E Airspace; Nucla, CO [Docket No. FAA-2006-24826; Airspace Docket No. 06-ANM-3] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received May 4, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1806. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revision of Class E Airspace; Gillette, WY [Docket No. FAA-2005-20381; Airspace Docket No. 05-ANM-3] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received May 4, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1807. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Modification of Class D Airspace; Luke Air Force Base, AZ [Docket No. FAA-2006-26311; Airspace Docket No. 06-AWP-19] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received May 4, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1808. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc RB211-524 Series Turbofan Engines [Docket No. FAA-2007-27267; Directorate Identifier 2002-NE-40-AD; Amendment 39-14991; AD 2007-06-10] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 10, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1809. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon Aircraft Company Models 58 and G58 Airplanes [Docket No. FAA-2006-25739; Directorate Identifier 2006-CE-46-AD; Amendment 39-14988; AD 2007-06-07] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 10, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1810. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Przedsiębiorstwo Doswiadczalno-Produkcyjne Szybownictwa "PZL-Bielsko" Model SZD-50-3 "Puchacz" Gliders [Docket No. FAA-2006-26497; Directorate Identifier 2006-CE-082-AD; Amendment 39-14989; AD 2007-06-08] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 10, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1811. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; EADS SOCATA Model TBM 700 Airplanes [Docket No. FAA-2006-26180; Directorate Identifier 2006-CE-59-AD; Amendment 39-14995; AD 2007-06-14] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 10, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1812. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; B-N Group Ltd. BN-2, BN-2A, BN-2B, BN-2T, and BN-2T-4R Series (all individual models included in Type Certificate Data Sheet (TCDS) A17EU, Revision 16, dated December 9, 2002), and BN-2A-MkIII Trislander Series (all individual models included in Type Certificate Data Sheet (TCDS) A29EU, Revision 4, dated December 9, 2002) Airplanes [Docket No. FAA-2006-26401; Directorate Identifier 2006-CE-72-AD; Amendment 39-14987; AD 2007-06-06] (RIN: 2120-AA64) Received May 10, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1813. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; EADS SOCATA Model TBM 700 Airplanes [Docket No. FAA-2006-26166; Directorate Identifier 2006-CE-58-AD; Amendment 39-14992; AD 2007-06-11] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 10, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1814. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 B4-600, B4-600R, and F4-600R Series Airplanes, and Model C4-605R Variant F Airplanes (Collectively Called A300-600 Series Airplanes); and Model A310 Airplanes; Equipped with General Electric CF6-80A3 or CF6-80C2 Engines

[Docket No. FAA-2005-22036; Directorate Identifier 2005-NM-009-AD; Amendment 39-14994; AD 2007-06-13] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 10, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1815. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Alpha Aviation Design Limited (Type Certificate No. A48EU previously held by APEX Aircraft and AVIONS PIERRE ROBIN) Model R2160 Airplanes [Docket No. FAA-2006-26495; Directorate Identifier 2006-CE-80-AD; Amendment 39-14997; AD 2007-06-16] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 10, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. SPRATT: Committee of Conference. Conference report on Senate Concurrent Resolution 21. Resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012 (Rept. 110-153). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania: Committee on House Administration. H.R. 811. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require a voter-verified permanent paper ballot under title III of such Act, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 110-154). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. FRANK: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 698. A bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to establish industrial bank holding company regulation, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 110-155). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Ms. SUTTON: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 409. Resolution providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 21) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012 (Rept. 110-156). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. BERMAN (for himself, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. COBLE, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, and Mr. CHABOT):

H.R. 2336. A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, relating to the funding of the United States Patent and Trademark Office; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RAHALL:

H.R. 2337. A bill to promote energy policy reforms and public accountability, alternative energy and efficiency, and carbon capture and climate change mitigation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and Science and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for con-

sideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. HALL of Texas:

H.R. 2339. A bill to encourage research, development, and demonstration of technologies to facilitate the utilization of water produced in connection with the development of domestic energy resources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science and Technology.

By Mr. BURGESS:

H.R. 2340. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand coverage of bone mass measurements under part B of the Medicare Program to all individuals at clinical risk for osteoporosis; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BAIRD (for himself and Ms. SLAUGHTER):

H.R. 2341. A bill to prohibit securities and commodities trading based on nonpublic information relating to Congress, and to require additional reporting by Members and employees of Congress of securities transaction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committees on House Administration, the Judiciary, Agriculture, and Standards of Official Conduct, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ALLEN (for himself, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. FARR, Mr. INSLEE, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, and Mr. THOMPSON of California):

H.R. 2342. A bill to direct the President to establish a National Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Science and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (for himself and Mr. PLATTS):

H.R. 2343. A bill to expand quality programs of early childhood home visitation that increase school readiness, child abuse and neglect prevention, and early identification of developmental and health delays, including potential mental health concerns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky (for himself and Mr. MARSHALL):

H.R. 2344. A bill to reiterate the authority of the United States Armed Forces to use riot control agents as a legitimate, legal, and non-lethal alternative to the use of lethal force under the general rules of engagement in effect for contingency operations of the Armed Forces conducted outside of the United States; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. DOGGETT (for himself, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. BERMAN, Ms. CARSON, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. DEFazio, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. EMANUEL, Mr. FARR, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. FILNER, Mr.